

# **Inductance/Capacitance Meter**

Model MFJ-200A



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

CAUTION: Read All Instructions Before Operating Equipment

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#### INTRODUCTION

Congratulations on purchasing the MFJ-200A Inductance/Capacitancor Meter. The Inductance/Capacitancor Meter is highly accurate, compact, rugged, self calibrating, and super easy-to-use! The MFJ-200A delivers laboratory performance. The sophisticated high-speed micro-controller allows it to compute unknown capacitance/inductance in seconds. Here are some important features we think you'll like:

### Multiple Ranges: Four selectable ranges:

- 0.01pF 10uF
- 1uF 100uF
- 0.001uH 100mH
- .001mH 100H.

Computation: High speed Microcontroller precision computation.

**Power:** Use four AA batteries (not included), 5.5mm DC AC adapter, or any USB source with a mini-USB plug.

Sleep Mode: Intellectually shutdown in 5 min. Just push power switch to resume testing.

#### Important Warnings:

<u>Do not reset to "0" as components are being measured. If you do it, please shut down</u> immediately and restart, then reset to "0".

<u>Do not to measure a capacitance which is not discharged, otherwise it may damage the mainframe.</u>

#### MFJ-200A CONTROLS

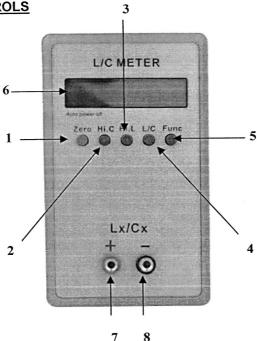


Figure 1 MFJ-200A INDUCTANCE/CAPACITANCE METER

#### **Front Panel Controls and Indicators**

- Push button Zero switch (1) allows the user to reset to zero.
- Push button Hi.C switch (2) allows the user to calculate capacitance ranges.
  - o Button pushed out calculate capacitance ranges 1uF-100mF
  - O Button pushed in calculate capacitance ranges .01pF-10uF
- Push button Hi.L switch (3) allows the user to calculate inductance ranges.
  - O Button pushed out calculate inductance ranges 100mH-100H
  - O Button pushed in calculate inductance ranges .001-100mH
- Push button L/C switch (4) allows the user to select inductance or capacitance.
  - o Button pushed out capacitance C
  - Button pushed in inductor L
- Push button Func switch (5) allows the user to see results in Hz.
  - Button pushed reads results inHz

- Button released reads results
- LCD Display (6) A 2-Line by 16-character alphanumeric display. Displays measured results for capacitance and Induction.
- Test Leads
  - o Positive (7)
  - o Negative (8)
- Power Supply
  - o On/Off Switch (9)
    - Up position is on.
    - Down position is off.
  - o Mini USB Interface (10)
  - o 5.5mm DC socket (11)
  - o 4 AA batteries (12) (not included)

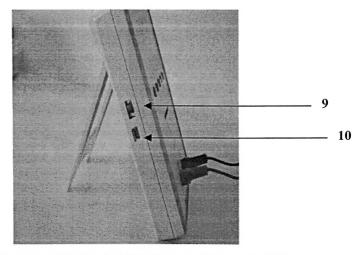


Figure 2 MFJ-200A INDUCTANCE/CAPACITANCE METER
Left Side Panel

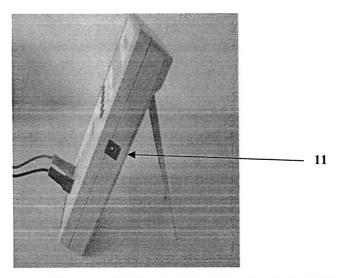


Figure 3 MFJ-200A INDUCTANCE/CAPACITANCE METER
Right Side Panel

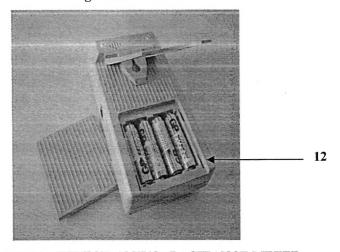


Figure 4 MFJ-200A INDUCTANCE/CAPACITANCE METER

Back Side Panel

(In "1", Out "0", "X" random)

Hi.C	Hi.L	L/C	Corresponding Function		
0	0	0	Hi.C button in		
0	0	1	Hi.L button in		
0	1	1	Hi.L button up		
0	1	0	Error, Please Modify		
0	X	X	Hi.C button up		

MFJ-200A Function table

#### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

- 1. Switch on the L/C Meter.
  - Move switch on left side panel to the up position.
- 2. Select Corresponding Range. The following displays will appear until load is present.
  - L/C Button in L, LCD screen will display OVER RANGE
  - L/C Button out C, LCD screen will display .00pF
  - Hi.L Button in LCD screen will display OVER RANGE
  - Hi.C Button in LCD screen will display .00uF

When testing lead open loop in capacitance or Inductance and MFJ-200A does not measure "0" when testing lead short circuit. Rest to "0" by way of capacitance model or inductance model.

# Capacitance model:

 Press Zero button as testing lead open loop, it displays "CALCULATING...", keep pressing for one second, when "CALCULATING...OK" displayed, resetting to "0" is finished, and "0.00pF" is displayed, then capacitances can be measured.

#### Inductance model:

- Press Zero button as testing lead short circuit, it displays "0.000uH" or "0.000mH", and then inductances can be measured.
- 4. Connect your component.
  - Positive terminal to Positive component lead, Negative terminal to Negative component lead
  - Results will displayed on LCD screen

Press Func button ,corresponding frequency will be displayed.

Result appears instantly on the easy-to-read LCD with 4-digit numerical resolution.

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

# (Hi.C) Button (in) Accuracy

- 5% Range (.01pF-.1pF), 1% Range (1pF- uF), 5% Range (1uF-10uF).
- Minimum Capacitance Resolution (C Range) .01pF

#### (Hi.C) Button (out) Accuracy

- 5% Range (1uF-100mF)
- Minimum Big Capacitance Resolution .01uF

#### (Hi.L) Button (in) Accuracy

- 5% Range (.001uH-.1uH), 1% Range (1uH-100mH).
- Minimum Inductance Resolution (L Range) is .001uH

#### (Hi.L) Button (out) Accuracy

- 1% Range (100mH-1H), 5% Range (1H-100H)
- Minimum Big Inductance Resolution .001Mh

#### Power

- 5.5 DC Socket on right side
- Mini USB plug on left side
- AC / DC Switch on left side
- 4 AA Batteries (not included)

# Range: Four measuring positions

- 1. C range Capacitance (0.01pF-10uF)
- 2. L range Inductance (0.001uH-100mH)
- 3. Hi.L range Big Inductance (0.01pF-10uF)
- 4. Hi.C range Big Capacitance (0.01pF-10uF)

All ranges are automatic measuring ranges

#### Note:

- 1. Please reset to "0" before testing a capacitance or an inductance, or errors may be appeared. Even if "0" displayed before measuring, resetting to "0" is needed.
- 2. At the time of resetting to "0", when "CALCULATING...OK" appeared, please keep pressing for 2 to 3 seconds, and the parameter written to "" will be prompted, then release.
- 3. The time of measuring a big capacitance (above 10mF) may be more than one second, and it needs seven to eight seconds to get the measured value of the capacitance (100mF).

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